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Lyman Hall High School
70 Pond Hill Road
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Track and Lighting Replacement Project

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Select Committee on Children Public Hearing

Testimony in support of H.B. 6353: An Act Concerning Lyman High School Athletic Fields

Chairwoman Diane Urban and honorable members of the Select Committee on Children;

I, Dr. Salvatore F. Menzo, Superintendent of Schools, am writing on behalf of the Wallingford Board of Education to request your approval of H.B. 6353 (Raised)-An Act Concerning Lyman High School Athletic Fields.

This bill proposal includes the replacement of the track and lighting for the athletic field at Lyman Hall High School. The track was installed in 1990, and over the past 21 years the school district has spent considerable funds on repairs and maintenance. Most recently, the significant cracks and track erosion resulted in safety concerns on the part of the district personnel and local fire safety officials. In addition to the track, the lighting on the field is inadequate and poses additional safety issues. Originally installed by the booster club, it needs to be updated to meet code in order to provide appropriate lighting for evening events.

The Wallingford Board of Education estimates the cost of the combined project to be \$575,000. Therefore, I respectfully request your support of this important proposal as a matching grant to the Wallingford Public School System.

Wallingford Public Schools Mission
To inspire, educate and support all students as they discover and pursue their personal best.